

Oswald letters: Hosty, P.S., timing, sources

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The AP story on LHO's threat to Hosty and the FBI's acknowledgement of the unexplained destruction of that letter appear in today's Post. The story broke two days ago. I heard it on the radio that night, partially, the end of the item only. That version included matter having to do with Clarence Kelley and Marina not in today's story. It was a Westinghouse broadcast. The Dallas Times-Herald was out plenty early for east coast Sunday A.M. papers. The Post did not carry it.

I have had no calls on this.

There is a sort of coincidence in my having received a letter from P.S. in Mexico City reporting the handing over to Clarence Kelley of what I presume is the letter signed Oswald and addressed to "unt, dated 11/8/63.

However, I do not believe the two letters can be identical. There are problems with that from P.S.

That Oswald would "threaten" Hosty I can understand, but it can't have been in the sense of with a real club. A figurative one, sure. That would have been by mouth, by talking.

I'd be interested in learning if the T-H story is by Aynesworth or Golz. It is a leak. Who is now interested in leaking against the FBI who was not for all these years? Anyone who might want vengeance. Even perhaps a certain Agency. I can have some friends who might have done this.

One who could have had knowledge is Surrey, who was a friend of Hosty's then. He could have known. Surrey is not a friend of mine. Several of these could have done this for retaliation. Friends of theirs, too.

It is unlikely that Hosty got such a letter without taking it up higher. It therefore is unlikely that if he destroyed the letter he did it on his own. And it is certain that the letter had to have been known inside the Bureau.

Of course the explanation that this was before and had no connection with the assassination is no explanation for keeping it secret from the Commission.

I do not believe it likely that Oswald's threat was over Marina. I think it much more likely it was over pressures aimed at him. The hassling of Marina was part of this. The issue made years ago over the Marina hassle may give credibility to this explanation. It is the immediate explanation.

Recent declassifications are largely aimed at CIA and have FBI origin. The are embarrassing to the CIA. Interesting coincidence. I first noted this some months ago on read what the FBI let out and Hoover's initiatives. We can be in for a very interesting period.